



Statewide Articulation and Transfer Council

Meeting Minutes August 12, 2009

ATTENDEES

Council Members: Monty Sullivan (LCTC System), Brad O'Hara (UL System), Margaret Ambrose (Southern System), Mike Gargano (LSU System), Mary Ann Coleman (LAICU), Debbie Schum (DOE)

Board of Regents Staff – Lynn House, Karen Denby, Larry Tremblay, Gerard Killebrew, and Sharon Southall

Guests - Jerry Pinsel (LCTC System), Brad Ebersole (BRCC)

INTRODUCTION AND OATH OF OFFICE

The meeting opened with the administration of the Oath of Office:

Dr. Mike Gargano
Dr. Brad O'Hara
Dr. Monty Sullivan
Ms. Margaret Ambrose
Ms. Mary Ann Coleman
Ms. Debbie Schum

OVERVIEW OF TRANSFER/ARTICULATION

Dr. Lynn House reviewed the content and summary of Act 356. Discussion followed, including:

- Tucker Commission
- General Education Committee role and responsibilities
- Necessity of strong collaboration between postsecondary institutions
- Agreement of four systems on core curriculum, to be reviewed and decided by faculty
- Two-year and four-year program transfers

- Review of Statewide Articulation and Transfer Council history, with appreciation of Senator Nevers' role

PROPOSED GENERAL CONSTRUCT/DESIGN OF TRANSFER ASSOCIATE PROGRAMS

- Transferable programs already have 39 hours necessary in place
- Overview of beginning structure of the Louisiana community college system
- Necessity of SACS accreditation
- Challenge of presenting this information on the campuses; Gerald Killebrew will assist
- Agreement upon block transfers rather than individual courses; accept the general education block as a whole
- Students and their families will need clear instruction and tracking to maneuver successfully, both in planning and throughout
- Career diploma

OTHER ISSUES/NEXT STEPS

- Dual enrollment
- Need for common transcripts
- Involvement of the Workforce Commission
- Student pipeline
- Education to change current mindset regarding two- and four-year institutions
- Statewide strategies to streamline and develop
- Ask Board of Regents regarding annual transfer study